GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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OIL AND GAS RESERVES IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Consortium of the Cairns Energy(India), Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited and Tata Petronyde has discovered Oil & Gas reserves in the Gulf of Khambhat off Gujarat Coast;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ONGC strike in deep sea Krishna-Godavari basin and Shell India in Barmer district of Rajasthan augurs extremely well for future exploration in the country.

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to give greater impetus for exploration in this belt and are considering to establish additional refinery in the areas;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Consortium of the Cairns Energy(India) Pvt. Ltd., Tata Petrodyne and ONGC has discovered Oil & Gas in Exploration Block CB-OS-2 in the Gulf of Khambat, the details of these discoveries are as under:

1. Well : CB-A-1 (Prospect A `Lakshmi`)The well flowed gas @ of 0.8 MillionStandard Cubic Meters of Gas Per Day (MMSCMD) through 56/64` choke.

2. Well : CB-B-1 (Prospect B `Gauri`) - The well flowed gas @ 0.53 MMSCMD and 0.48 MMSCMD through 1` choke from two zones Another zone in the well also flowed oil and gas @ 1039 barrel per day and 0.02 MMSCMD through 32/64` chokes.

3. Well : CB-C-1 (Prospect C `Ambe`)The well flowed gas @ 0.59 and 0.56 MMSCMD respectively through 96/64` choke from two zones. The well also flowed oil at the rate varying from 110 to 240 barrels per day from another zone.

4. Well : CB-G-1Z (Prospect G `Parvati`): The well flowed oil and water at unstablized rate varying from 1200 to 2200 barrel per day.

The extent of oil and gas reserves of the above discoveries will be known after further drilling and exploration activities in this Block.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d),(e)&(f): In Gulf of Khambat, two exploration blocks CB-OS/1 and CB-OS/2 covering all the areas of the Gulf are already under active exploration by the Consortium of private and national companies.

ONGC has intensified exploration plan for the next two years of the 9th Plan and intends to continue exploration in Krishna-Godavari deep water acreage under ONGC and Block awarded to ONGC.

At present there is no proposal to set up a new refinery in Gulf of Khambat, Krishna-Godavari Basin and in Barmer district of Rajasthan.